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MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Jon Sonju, on January 24, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Sen. Art Wittich, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Shannon Augare (D)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Alan Olson (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Steven Gallus (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch
Kirk Lundby, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 146, 1/14/2011; SB 163, 1/17/2011; SB 164, 1/17/2011

HEARING ON SB 146

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:18 Sen. Bob Lake (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 146, Regulate the use of private transfer fee covenants.

EXHIBIT(los18a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:06 Terry Hilgendorf, President, Montana Land Title Association (LTA)
00:07:24 Robert Sewell, (LTA)
00:08:17 Ted Lovec, President, American Title & Escrow
00:08:41 Joe Roberts, representing the Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
00:10:32 Dustin Stewart, Executive Director, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)
00:11:36 Steve Turkiewicz, President, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:12:10 Jeanne Holmgren, representing the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:21 Vice Chair Wittich
00:13:43 Sen. Lake

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:02 Sen. Lake

HEARING ON SB 163

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:57 Sen. Bob Hawks (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 163, Clarify municipal authority to regulate outdoor lighting.
00:17:44 Sen. Augare entered the committee room

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:57 John MacDonald, representing the City of Missoula

Opponents' Testimony:

00:21:39 Don Kaltschmidt, President, Montana Automobile Dealers Association (MADA)
00:23:28 Tom Ebzery, representing the Montana Airport Managers Association and Lamar Advertising
00:27:02 Webb Brown, President, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:27:54 David Hoffman, representing PPL Montana
00:29:14 Gail Abercrombie, representing the Montana Petroleum Association
00:30:31 Barbara Ranf, representing the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF)
00:31:11 Steve Turkiewicz, (MBA)
00:31:55 Ronda Wiggers, representing the City of Great Falls Chamber of Commerce and the City of Helena Chamber of Commerce

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:32:50 Sen. Wittich
00:33:19 Sen. Hawks
00:34:20 Sen. Moss
00:35:13 Sen. Hawks

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:51 Sen. Hawks

HEARING ON SB 164

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:40:19 Sen. Bob Hawks (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 164, Require consideration of conservation measures for rivers in growth policy.

[EXHIBIT\(los18a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(los18a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:46:19 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon
00:49:25 Mark Aagenes, representing Montana Trout Unlimited
00:51:00 Brianna Randall, representing the Clark Fork Coalition
00:52:41 John Lounsbury, representing the Madison County Planning Board
00:54:18 Ross Prosperi, representing Montana Conservation Voters
00:54:40 Stephanie Becker

Opponents' Testimony:

00:55:20 Tara DePuy, representing the Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:58:14 Glenn Oppel, representing the Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
01:00:21 Gordon Morris, representing the Lewis and Clark County Commissioners
01:02:53 Ronda Wiggers, representing the City of Great Falls Chamber of Commerce and
the City of Helena Chamber of Commerce
01:05:46 John Youngberg, representing the Montana Farm Bureau Federation and the
Montana Stockgrowers Association
01:08:17 Jim Brown, representing the Montana Woolgrowers Association
01:08:38 Tim Ravndal, representing the Lewis and Clark Conservative Tea Party
01:10:11 Ed Melcher, representing Families for Outdoor Recreation
01:11:56 Dustin Stewart, (MBIA)
01:12:15 Don Allen, representing Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:15:07 Sen. Tutvedt
01:15:48 Sen. Hawks
01:17:53 Sen. Vuckovich
01:18:53 John Lounsbury, Madison County Planning Board
01:20:32 Sen. Vuckovich
01:22:34 John Lounsbury
01:23:04 Sen. Vuckovich
01:23:44 Sen. Hawks
01:26:09 Sen. Vuckovich
01:27:01 Sen. Hawks
01:27:12 Sen. Moss
01:29:07 Vice Chair Wittich
01:30:36 Sen. Hawks
01:32:29 Vice Chair Wittich
01:33:24 Sen. Hawks
01:34:11 Sen. Tutvedt
01:34:59 Glenn Oppel, (MAR)
01:36:01 Sen. Tutvedt
01:36:24 Glenn Oppel

Closing by Sponsor:

01:38:05 Sen. Hawks

ADJOURNMENT

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01:43:02

Kirk Lundby, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([los18aad.pdf](#))